

WORKPLACE CONNECTION

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County Named "Spirit of L.A." Award Recipient

The County of Los Angeles received a "Spirit of Los Angeles" award from United Way during its Celebration of Caring gala held at Paramount Studios in Hollywood.

CAO David E. Janssen received the framed artwork on behalf of the County, which contributed more than \$1 million to the non-profit organization last year.

United Way is one of five, Board-approved fund distribution agencies that receive contributions from the County's annual charitable giving campaign.

"County employees give generously to help those in need," said Janssen.

"Making A Difference" is the theme of the 2004 Charitable Giving Campaign, now underway through December. The

goal is \$1.6 million.

A special effort is being made to increase the number of employees contributing through payroll deduction. Individuals may sign up for as little as \$5 per month.

For more information, please contact your departmental charitable giving coordinator or call the CAO/Office of Workplace Programs at (213) 974-2466.



Chief Administrative Officer David Janssen, right, displays "Spirit of Los Angeles" award presented to County of Los Angeles by United Way. Presenting Janssen with the award are, from left, Greg Stubblefield, United Way Board Chair; Joe Haggerty, United Way President; and Laura Schulte, United Way 2003-2004 Campaign Chair.

Public Works "Wraps" New Hybrid Vehicles

When it comes to promoting clean air and a healthy environment, the County's Department of Public Works is in a league by itself.

The department's Environmental Programs Division consists of smart gardening workshops, household hazardous waste round-ups and a residential recycling program to promote new conversion technologies for managing waste.



Public Works wraps a hybrid car.

But the EPD also practices what it preaches.

Public Works acquired six hybrid-electric Toyota Prius vehicles. These cars combine a gas engine with an electric motor, which dramatically improves gas mileage (60 mph in the city, 51 highway) and produce lower emissions than gas-only automobiles. The vehicles get almost 700 miles per tank of gas.

The department took a creative step and "wrapped" each hybrid with friendly slogans advertising its environmental programs. "These vehicles promote the County and department programs in an eye-catching way," said officials.

"Many companies have reduced their standard advertising on benches and billboards, and have opted to promote their products on

automobiles," according to one department official. "With people spending more time on the road, it is a great way to advertise," he said.

The hybrid vehicles are wrapped with vinyl that is colorful and contain various "clean air" messages, including "reduce, reuse, recycle" and "keep L.A. County beautiful." The wrapping does not damage the vehicle in any way and removes easily.

Public Works will display one of the Prius cars during the upcoming **Civic Center Clean Air/Rideshare Fair** scheduled for **Thursday, Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m., on the Mall of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration** in downtown Los Angeles. All County employees are invited to attend.

And remember to look for the Public Works vehicles when you are out driving around the County. They remind us that "clean air is everybody's business."

DPSS Seeks Sponsors for Adopt-A-Family Program

The Department of Public Social Services, under the leadership of Director Bryce Yokomizo, has a great holiday tradition and now the entire County family is invited to participate.

Each year the Adopt-A-Family program brings smiles to the faces of



Young boy enjoys a Christmas toy.

hundreds of needy families as well as the elderly, disabled and other clients served by DPSS.

"This program is a longstanding tradition with staff," said Yokomizo. "It is a pleasure to bring joy into someone's life during the holiday season," he said.

Interested sponsors will receive the name and contact information for an "adopted" family along with their wish list of items, which may include grocery items, clothing or toys.

Some sponsors have come up with creative ways of helping their "adopted" families. For example, one sponsor invited family and friends to a "gift basket party" where each attendee contributed an item. The baskets also were decorated in holiday colors.

Employees or groups interested in participating in the "Adopt-A-Family" program may contact Barbara Watts, DPSS Toy Loan Program, at

(213) 744-4348.

Main Entrance for Red Line Station Changed

Construction work is now underway at the Metro Red Line station at Wilshire Boulevard and Vermont Avenue, causing a change in location for the main entrance, officials announced.



A temporary entrance has been opened at Wilshire Boulevard and Shatto Place. Elevators also have been installed and entrance signs are posted, said MTA officials.

"The entrance closure, expected to last 19 months, is necessary to allow excavation and construction to support the mixed-use development proposed for the station," according to MTA officials.

A street level public plaza will be built at the site.

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County of Los Angeles
2004 Charitable Giving Campaign
2005 Entertainment Book Order Form
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DEPARTMENT: _____

Coordinator: _____

Telephone: _____

Please complete and sign the attached form indicating what merchandise you would like to purchase or to take on consignment. Checks are made payable to: LAC Volunteer Fund

ITEM	Selling Price	QTY	TOTAL DUE
Inland Empire/Riverside/Palm Springs	\$20.00		
Los Angeles	\$20.00		
Orange County	\$35.00		
San Diego	\$40.00		
San Fernando	\$20.00		
San Gabriel Valley	\$21.00		
Santa Barbara/Ventura	\$20.00		
GRAND TOTAL			

* Full payment for consignment orders must be paid by December 15, 2004.

All orders must be picked up at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, B-1, unless alternate arrangements are made. Please contact Natalia Jimenez at (213) 974-2486 or Gina Villegas at (213) 974-1171 to arrange for pick-up.

Signature _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LAC VOLUNTEER FUND

Date _____

ETC Spotlight



Javier Rodriguez
Twin Towers

“Clean air and good health go hand in hand,” said Deputy Sheriff Javier Rodriguez, employee transportation coordinator (ETC) for the Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

“As an ETC I have the opportunity to do something good for the environment so I take it very seriously,” he said, during a recent interview. “I have a long list of assignments, but I always find time to get the word about ridesharing and clean air.”

Rodriguez has not always been an advocate for the environment. “Air pollution was not on my mind growing

up. I just did not think about it,” he admitted.

“Growing older and wiser has shown me the effects of dirty air on the general health of the population,” he said.

“I now know that I have a responsibility to do something” about the environment.

The ETC position offers a direct and rewarding role in reducing air pollution. Rodriguez noted that as a Countywide group “ETCs are reaching more than 90,000 commuters” with the clean air message.

“It’s a big responsibility, but there is a great potential” for spreading the word about reducing air pollution, he said.

How does he get the word out at Twin Towers?

High visibility bulletin boards, e-mail blasts, person-to-person contact and keeping the facility’s transit information

up-to-date are some of the ways Rodriguez increases employee awareness of ridesharing options.

His message is even more effective because Rodriguez is a ridesharer. “I know it helps the environment, relieves stress and is an opportunity to meet new people. In fact, I met one of my best friends through ridesharing,” he said.

What are some of his recommendations for fellow ETCs? “If some are becoming disillusioned with the sometimes thankless job of being an ETC, I would remind him or her that the day will come when someone they have helped will walk up, smile and thank them.

That person “will say ridesharing is working for me” and it makes the job of ETC just a little bit easier,” added Rodriguez.

For more information on ride-sharing, please call **1-800-COMMUTE**.

Supervisor Antonovich Speaks to Coordinators

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, founder of the County’s Volunteer Programs, recently addressed the volunteer coordinator network during a luncheon and workshop meeting at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center.



Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, left, Espie Hernandez, and Pastor Herrera, director, Department of Consumer Affairs.



CAO David E. Janssen with, from left, Carol Thomas, Public Library; Ms. Hernandez, and Bryan Krogan.

The event served as a wrap-up to the annual Volunteer of the Year awards and recognition ceremony held in April. It also included an overview of the Countywide Volunteer Program.

“You are the grease that makes the wheels turn in County volunteerism,” he said. “Together, your employee network supervised 47,000 volunteers, who generously donated 3.7 million hours to the County.

“This was a \$62 million dollar value to the County and a tremendous benefit” to a wide and diverse range of communities,” added Supervisor Antonovich.

He presented “outstanding service” scrolls to three volunteer coordinators: Espie Hernandez, Consumer Affairs; Bryan Krogan, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center; and Carol Thomas, Public Library. The three County employees were recognized for “going above and beyond the call of duty to support the program.”

Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen pointed out that “volunteers enhance the County’s ability to provide effective and caring service. This program is one of the best examples of our mission to enrich lives.”

For more information on the County Volunteer Program, please contact Patricia Mannatt, program manager, CAO Office of Workplace Programs, (213) 974-0187; or visit the website at <http://cao.co.la.ca.us/workplaceprograms>.

Metro Red Line Stations Get Loos

Self-cleaning loos or restrooms have been opened near transit stations in the San Fernando valley, according to local officials.

Two, 25-cent toilets are open now at the Metro Red Line station at Lankershim and Chandler boulevards in North Hollywood and at the Metrolink station at Wilbur Avenue and Parthenia Street in Northridge. A third is scheduled to open in Boyle Heights.

The Los Angeles City Council has voted to install 150 of the self-cleaning pay toilets, which are similar to ones currently in operation in Paris and London.

The loos have a self-cleaning mechanism that sanitizes the facility after each use, and gives messages in five languages. There also are some that operate with special tokens for the poor.

!!! Save the Date !!!
**Clean Air/
Rideshare Fair**
Civic Center, Mall area
Thursday,
October 21, 2004
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



2004 WTA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Presented by PORSCHE
November 10th-15th, 2004 at STAPLES Center
LA COUNTY DISCOUNTS / CHARITABLE GIVING
"Making a Difference"

Watch as the top 8 women singles players and top 4 doubles teams in the world compete for the largest prize in women's sports.

MATCH SCHEDULE

Session 1	Wednesday, Nov. 10	6:30pm	3 Singles Matches
Session 2	Thursday, Nov. 11	6:30pm	3 Singles Matches
Session 3	Friday, Nov. 12	6:30pm	3 Singles Matches
Session 4	Saturday, Nov. 13	1:00pm	3 Singles Matches
Session 5	Sunday, Nov. 14	12:00pm	2 Singles/2 Doubles Semi-finals
Session 6	Monday, Nov. 15	6:30pm	Singles and Doubles Finals

**All times subject to change*

SOME OF THE PLAYERS ON PACE TO COMPETE:

Serena Williams
Amelie Mauresmo
Jennifer Capriati
Anastasia Myskina
Lindsay Davenport
Justine Henin-Hardenne

LA COUNTY EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT PRICING

	Individual Price	County Price Wed-Fri	County Price Sat-Mon
Main level - sec 110, 112, 102, 119	\$60.50	\$53	\$57
Main level - sec 104 - 109 and 113 - 118	\$48.50	\$41	\$45
Premier Level - PR10 - PR18 and PR1 - 9	\$38.50	\$31	\$35
200 level	\$20.50	\$13	\$17
		(\$5 per ticket to Charitable Giving Campaign)	(\$4 per ticket to Charitable Giving Campaign)

All seating is in Lower Level

DEADLINE TO ORDER: 1 DAY PRIOR TO EVENT

GIVEAWAYS*

FRI - FREE Lindsay Davenport Bobble-head Doll
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SUN - FREE Giant Tennis Balls

**To first 5,000 attendees*

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EIGHT WOMEN. SIX DAYS. THREE MILLION DOLLARS.

Supervisor Knabe Raises \$24,659 for Charity

Supervisor Don Knabe raised more than \$24,600 for the County's Charitable Giving Campaign, which benefits human and social service agencies throughout the County.

The funds were raised at the Knabe Golf Tournament held in June at the La Mirada Golf Course and supported by County department heads, employees and private companies.

"It was my pleasure to serve as host for the charity golf tournament," said Supervisor

Knabe. "These funds will make a difference in the lives of the needy," he said.

Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen served as co-chair of the fundraiser, coordinated by Evelyn Gutierrez, former director of the Office of Workplace Programs, who retired last year.

For more information about the County's Charitable Giving Campaign, please contact your departmental coordinator or call (213) 974-2466.



Supervisor Don Knabe presents a \$24,659.30 check to CAO David Janssen, right, and Victoria P. Lane, left, director, CAO Office of Workplace Programs, and Natalia Jimenez, Countywide campaign leader and Crystal Dollente, coordinator for the County Assessor's Office.



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